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Teachers' Notes

Pup Idol

Pup idol is a fun, interactive game for KS 1&2 children. Rosie our 'pup idol' dog invites children to compose and record their own simple tunes on line using her Rosiephone – an interactive xylophone. Children who are more musically literate can play simple tunes that they know. Using the two-octave Rosiephone, complete with sharps and flats, there is plenty of scope for making music.

The activity is designed to be used by individual pupils or pupils working in pairs or groups to investigate making musical patterns. It would also be possible to use Pup Idol as a class activity using a class computer or interactive whiteboard. As an extension activity, children can use a real xylophone to compose and perform.

To use the Rosiephone, pupils should hit the 'record' button and play their tune. They can then play back the tune by hitting the 'play' button. Please note that tunes will not be stored once the pop-up window has been closed. Pupils can alter the type of sound the Rosiephone makes by clicking on the symbols in the top right hand corner of the screen. Using this they can select standard notes, 'barks', or 'howls'.

Links to National Curriculum:

Music

KS1

Controlling sounds through playing

1b – play tuned instruments

Creating and developing musical ideas – composing skills

2a – pupils should be taught to create musical patterns

2b – pupils should be taught to explore, choose and organise sounds

Listening and applying knowledge and understanding

4b – pupils should be taught how musical elements can be organised and used within a simple structure (beginning, middle and end)

KS2

Controlling sounds through playing

1b – play tuned instruments

Creating and developing musical ideas – composing skills

2b – pupils should be taught to explore, choose and organise musical ideas within structures

Responding and reviewing

3a – pupils should be taught to analyse and compare sounds

Listening and applying knowledge and understanding

4b – pupils should be taught how musical elements can be organised and used within a simple structure (beginning, middle and end)

ICT

KS1/2

5b – Pupils are taught knowledge skills and understanding by exploring ICT tools